

**Executive
Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office Of The Governor**

WHEREAS, For prehistoric man, the discovery of fire was said to be one of his greatest revelations, for it gave him freedom from the darkness and a radiant shelter from the bitter cold of winter. But it did not take long for early man to realize that this great and glorious talisman, his major source of light and warmth, was also a raging demon, capable of great destruction when allowed to roam free; and,

WHEREAS, Thousands of years have passed, and man is still trying to tame and control his volatile mistress. In South Dakota, it has been over a century since the first fire service doused the threatening flames of another prairie fire; and,

WHEREAS, Today, South Dakota firefighters, both professional and volunteer, risk their lives to save others from the fury of the flames. They do not, however, take this risk capriciously. They are all well trained and knowledgeable in the business of fighting fires; and,

WHEREAS, To keep up to date on the latest firefighting tactics, firefighters from across the state will be meeting in Sturgis June 4, 5, and 6, 1983, for the State Fire School; and,

WHEREAS, Because of the firefighter's dedication to the safety and well-being of South Dakota's citizens, we can all sleep better knowing that these experts are amongst us in case of emergency:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 4, 5, and 6, 1983, as

E18E FIGHTER APPRECIATION DAYS

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

Alice Kunderl
ALICE KUNDERL, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused to be affixed
the Great Seal of the State of South
Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City,
this Thirty-first Day of May, in the
Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred
and Eighty-Three

~~WILLIAM J. JACKSON, GOVERNOR~~

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